Choose the correct answer. Write a, b, or c in the box.

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| **1** Gabi and I had fallen out of touch, but yesterday she contacted me \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the blue. | **a** out of  **b** on  **c** inside |  |
| **2** Do you think it’s Sean’s lack of confidence that’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him back? | **a** falling  **b** catching  **c** holding |  |
| **3** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ did he know that they were planning a surprise party for him. | **a** Little  **b** Seldom  **c** Hardly |  |
| **4** The facilities at the hotel are incredible, so staying there \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an arm and a leg. | **a** costs  **b** takes  **c** pulls |  |
| **5** My friend Veronique took me out for pizza after work – it really made my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! | **a** turn  **b** day  **c** time |  |
| **6** Tom’s unemployed at the moment, so he’s struggling to make ends \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. | **a** meet  **b** to meet  **c** meeting |  |
| **7** That project was a real \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ story. They’re making a film about it now. | **a** succeed  **b** success  **c** successful |  |
| **8** I find my colleague, Raheem, quite talkative at work. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he’s very good at his job. | **a** Furthermore  **b** Moreover  **c** Nevertheless |  |
| **9** My sister doesn’t usually let me \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her car at the weekend. | **a** borrowing  **b** borrow  **c** to borrow |  |
| **10** The buses here are unreliable. As a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I often don’t get home until  9 p.m. | **a** fact  **b** result  **c** reason |  |
| **11** Despite trying to start a programming club at school, his idea didn’t catch \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. | **a** on  **b** over  **c** up |  |
| **12** Rarely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we seen such an amazing performance from one of our pupils. | **a** do  **b** did  **c** have |  |
| **13** We took \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ chance asking Jin to join the team, and luckily it worked out well. | **a** the  **b** a  **c** one |  |
| **14** I’m pleased to tell you that you passed the test with flying \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. | **a** targets  **b** colours  **c** expectations |  |
| **15** These experiments have enabled us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ new medical treatments. | **a** to develop  **b** develop  **c** developing |  |
| **16** Ana is such a positive person. You can rely on her to make the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a situation! | **a** good  **b** better  **c** best |  |
| **17** The accident was a blessing in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because I made some new friends after that. | **a** disguise  **b** disaster  **c** discovery |  |
| **18** Our neighbours are so noisy – their party at the weekend was the last \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! | **a** stretch  **b** straw  **c** struggle |  |
| **19** No sooner had I left \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I realized I’d forgotten my coat. | **a** but  **b** than  **c** when |  |
| **20** I don’t think you should post that comment on Twitter. You risk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a lot of your followers. | **a** upset  **b** to upset  **c** upsetting |  |

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| **21** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the fact that the client doesn’t speak English, we had to use a translator. | **a** Owed  **b** Owing  **c** To owe |  |
| **22** I told my boss that I’m moving away, and she took the news really \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. | **a** well  **b** wrong  **c** good |  |
| **23** My landlady isn’t particularly friendly, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ always reply when I email her. | **a** she  **b** she does  **c** does she |  |
| **24** We’re looking for somewhere \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that isn’t too far from the beach. | **a** to stay  **b** stay  **c** staying |  |
| **25** No sooner \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ put the phone down when the doorbell rang. | **a** I had  **b** I  **c** had I |  |
| **26** Do you regret \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ such an expensive phone? | **a** buy  **b** to have bought  **c** having bought |  |
| **27** Under \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ circumstances would I ever work there again! | **a** no  **b** not  **c** never |  |
| **28** My interview went fairly well, but I definitely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up a few of my answers. | **a** missed  **b** messed  **c** passed |  |
| **29** Try not to worry about making your speech. I’m sure you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it inside out. | **a** let  **b** know  **c** turn |  |
| **30** He was the first politician \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the government’s mistake. | **a** realizing  **b** realize  **c** to realize |  |
| **31** They said the cold weather was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ blame for the low audience numbers at the festival. | **a** a  **b** the  **c** to |  |
| **32** We had been practising for almost four hours when we decided to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it a day. | **a** call  **b** tell  **c** say |  |
| **33** I’ve done everything except \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the table. Could you do that? | **a** lay  **b** laying  **c** to lay |  |
| **34** We stopped at the market so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to buy some fresh bread and olives for lunch. | **a** and  **b** as  **c** that |  |
| **35** Only after watching that documentary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to become vegetarian. | **a** she decided  **b** she did decide  **c** did she decide |  |
| **36** They warned us not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a taxi from the airport. | **a** to get  **b** get  **c** getting |  |
| **37** Berlin has plenty to see. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ addition, the nightlife there is great. | **a** With  **b** On  **c** In |  |
| **38** There’s no point \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them to the concert – I’m certain they won’t come. | **a** invite  **b** to invite  **c** inviting |  |
| **39** In no way \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ expect this kind of reaction from our fans. | **a** did we  **b** we did  **c** we’d |  |
| **40** To be honest, her most recent novel falls short \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what I expected. | **a** on  **b** of  **c** from |  |